

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) A method for controlling a start-up operation of a unit having at least a circuit portion and being connectable to an outside device, comprising the steps of:

executing a first self-checking test when a connection between the outside device, and the circuit portion is not recognized, wherein said outside device is used for making a test or adjustment in a process of fabricating said unit;

transmitting a predetermined command from said unit to recognize said connection, and ascertaining whether receipt of a control command output from said outside device in response to said predetermined command is detected, wherein said step of transmitting a predetermined command further comprises communicating said predetermined command and said control command between said outside device and said circuit portion through an interface; and

executing a second self-checking test including at least a part of said first self-checking test, when said connection between the outside device and the circuit portion is recognized.

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) A method for executing a self-checking test of a unit equipped with a mechanical part for performing a predetermined operation and a control board for controlling said mechanical part, comprising:

a first step of executing a test common to a first self-checking test, which is executed when said unit is in a finished-product state, and a second self-checking test, which is executed when said unit is in an unfinished-product state, wherein said second self-checking test further comprises overwriting one or more flag-settings of a program in accordance with a next self-checking test;

a second step of judging whether said unit is in said finished-product state; and

a third step of continuing one of the set of said first self-checking test, or said second self-checking test, based on said judgment in said second step.

8. (canceled)

9. (previously presented) A control board, which is combined with a mechanical part for performing a predetermined operation and stores a program for controlling said mechanical part, said control board comprising:

an interface for communicating data between said control board and an outside device, wherein said program includes one or more types of self-checking test programs, and also includes a process of outputting a predetermined command to said outside device through said interface and a process of selecting and executing a specific self-checking test program from said one or more types of self-checking test programs in accordance with a control command input from said outside device through said interface in response to said predetermined command,

wherein, at the time of selecting said specific self-checking test program from said one or more types of self-checking test programs, said specific self-checking test program is selected on the basis of whether a predetermined flag has been set by a control command output from said outside device.

10. (original) The control board according to Claim 9, wherein, when said flag has been set, said specific self-checking test program is selected on the basis of a type of flag.

11. (canceled)

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

14. (canceled)

15. (canceled)